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Third Thursday of Every Month in The Miami Herald Beach Neighbors or e-mail your questions to: 305-676-2023 or jcalderon@herald.com

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CiviCall

(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Parks & Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment
305-638-3800

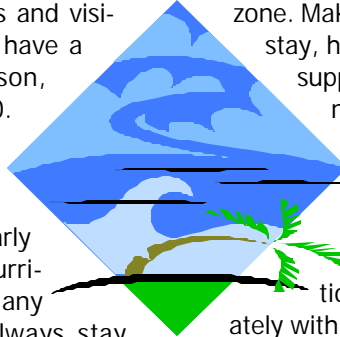
Water & Sewer
305-673-7625



Hurricane Season Begins June 1 -- Are You Prepared?

The City of Miami Beach wants to ensure the safety of all its residents and visitors and urges everyone to have a plan during hurricane season, now through November 30. Although the highest activity of hurricane season does not begin until later in the summer, it is never too early to be prepared because hurricanes can form and strike at any time during the season. Always stay tuned to local news broadcasts for hurricane-related advisories.

Now is a good time to trim trees (if near powerlines call FPL); inspect roofs for proper overflow drainage, especially flat roofs; check for loose rain gutters and drain spouts; inspect your shutters; review your insurance policies; and take inventory and photos of your property and valuables and store in a waterproof container.



Miami Beach is located in an evacuation zone. Make plans now on where you will stay, how you will get there and what supplies you will take. Consider the needs of elderly and infant family members and pets.

Residents that require special care and or special transportation during an evacuation, need to register immediately with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program. The new phone number to register a special needs resident is 305-513-7700 or 305-468-5402 TDD.

For more information on hurricane preparations and/or to schedule a hurricane preparation seminar for a group, contact the Miami Beach Fire Department at 305-673-7123.



Celebrate the Arts during Tropicool Festival Season

Memorial Day to Labor Day
Over 60 Great Events.
Three Short Months.

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www.tropicoolmiami.com

Miami Beach

Fourth of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
72nd Street Beach

Witness the naturalization of new citizens and enjoy a free concert featuring Paye, Marco Prado, Marleni, Willy Chirino and the Chirino Sisters, and spectacular fireworks!

Parking: Collins Avenue - 79th and 84th streets. Bring a beach towel or chair.

City's Mission Statement

"We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."



Assistant City Manager Christina M. Cuervo, Kent Bonde, Stacy Kilroy, and Alexandra Rolandelli

At Your Service!

The **Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA)** was created in accordance with the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, for the purpose of stimulating the revitalization of certain designated areas in the City. In 1973, the Redevelopment Agency established the "South Shore Redevelopment Area," later renamed "South Pointe," which encompasses the area south of 6th Street.

In 1993, the City designated a second redevelopment area. The City Center/Historic Convention Village Redevelopment and Revitalization Area (City Center) generally encompasses the Convention Center and Lincoln Road areas.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) through the sale of bonds has been a major tool for financing redevelopment activities in the two areas. TIF funds have and continue to be used to undertake a variety of street, park and other capital projects in the two areas. TIF funds have also been used to acquire land as part of certain public/private development initiatives, including the Courts townhouse project in South Pointe and in City Center, the Loews and Royal Palm Hotel projects and the Cultural Campus library site acquisition.

Since their inception, the two Redevelopment areas have undergone dynamic change, attracting major new private development and contributing to increased property values throughout the City.

New projects shaping South Pointe include a number of new luxury residential developments, including the first phase of the Courts and Cascada project (formerly the Courts of South Beach), the 228-unit Portofino Tower, the 361-unit Yacht Club at Portofino, and the 361-unit Murano Tower, which broke ground in March, 2001. The Redevelopment Agency has also initiated the first phase of a \$28 million street and infrastructure project for the South Pointe area, based on a Master Plan and preliminary design by Duany Plater Zyberk and endorsed by South Pointe Advisory Board; Phase I of the streetscape improvements, comprising 3rd Street and Washington Avenue, broke ground in Summer, 2000 and is expected to be completed in 18 months. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in 2004. The South Pointe Advisory Board, comprised of residents and business owners in the area, maintain an ongoing participation in this project, reviewing and making recommendations to the RDA Board through the various phases.

KNOW THE CODES



Can a Single-family Residential Home located in a Single-Family Zoning District Rent or Lease Out their Home?

A single-family home may not be rented out for a period of less than six months. As per Section 142-102 of the City Code's Land Development Regulations, the only permitted uses are single-family detached dwellings in single-family zoning districts. No other use is permitted; hotels, or other type of transient usages, are not permitted uses in single-family zoning districts. If it were rented out for a period of less than six months, payment of resort tax would be required (Section 102). A short term rental and the payment of resort tax would be construed as a type of hotel use or transient use, and also not permitted in a single-family zoning district.

In City Center, the Redevelopment Agency has been directly responsible for a number of exciting new projects including the recently completed 800-room Loews Miami Beach Convention Hotel; the Royal Palm Crowne Plaza Resort, the first African-American owned hotel in the United States, scheduled for completion later this year; the 800-space Anchor Parking Garage, located on 16th Street, between Washington and Collins Avenues; and an \$18 million overhaul of Lincoln Road, partially funded with the participation of businesses on Lincoln Road. Projects which are currently planned or underway in the City Center area include the extension of the beachwalk from 21st Street to Lummus Park; the renovation of the Colony Theater and implementation of the Collins Park Cultural Center Master Plan for an area east of the Miami Beach Convention Center, which will include a new regional library, a parking facility, the recently completed new home for the Miami City Ballet, an expansion and renovation of the Bass Museum of Art, and the re-landscaping of Collins Park. In addition, the Redevelopment Agency has recently engaged Zyscovich, Inc. to undertake a site utilization analysis and develop a concept plan for the two City surface parking lots on 17th Street between Washington and Pennsylvania Avenues. The study will evaluate potential uses for the site, including retail, commercial, hotel, cultural, entertainment, office, civic, and parking.

The Redevelopment Agency is committed to upgrading and improving the area's infrastructure, addressing parking and circulation issues, and facilitating new development in the area.

For more information on the Miami Beach RDA, call 305-673-6584.



Parking Debit Cards The Easiest Way to Park

Call 305-673-7505 or
305-673-PARK (7275)



Register Now for this Summer's Exciting Camps
Call 305-673-7730 or online at www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us

Summer Vacation Safety Tips



If you have a second car, make sure that it is properly locked and secured.

Ask a neighbor to use your driveway while you are away.

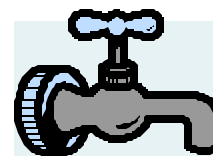
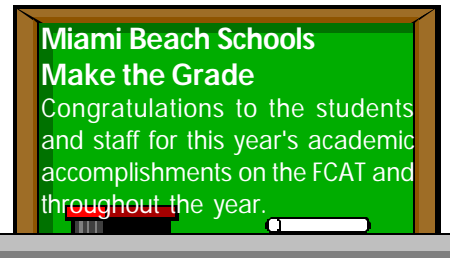
Continue to have your lawn trimmed.

Leave the radio and lights connected to an automatic timer.

Light the exterior of your house with light sensors.

Do not keep valuables at home; place in a safety deposit box.

Have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper and any other door advertisements, or have your mail and paper held.



Please Conserve Water

Phase II of Mandatory Water Restrictions are Still in Effect

For information on the restrictions and how to further conserve water, log on to www.sfwmd.gov or call 1-800-662-8876.



Enjoy a **free** celebration of the arts every month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call 305-673-7500 or 2ndthursdays.com.